STAND. COM. REP. NO.

918

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 4 2015

RE: H.B. No. 604

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 604 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAKADA DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate December 20 of each year as Sakada Day in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines, COVO Foundation, Kona Visayan Club, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that approximately one hundred twenty thousand contract laborers from the Philippines, or "Sakadas", arrived in Honolulu to work in the plantation industry between 1906 and 1934. This measure is a fitting recognition of the role of the Sakadas in Hawaii's history and the legacy of hard work, dedication, and love for the land that they gave to generations of Filipinos that followed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 604, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education and the Arts,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education and the Arts HEA

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		V			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)		_			- V
GABBARD, Mike					
KAHELE, Gilbert				-	
KIDANI, Michelle N.		V			
WAKAI, Glenn					
SLOM, Sam					
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